

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 44-45 stand rejected under 35 USC§112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Withdrawal of the rejection is submitted to be in order in view of the cancellation of claim 17, without prejudice, and the amendment of claim 44 in a manner that addresses the Examiner's comments on antecedence. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 6, 14, 15, 17-19, 21-24, 48 and 49 stand rejected under 35 USC§112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement. Cancellation of the claims, without prejudice, renders the rejection moot.

Claims 6, 14, 15, 17-19 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 USC§112, first paragraph as lacking allegedly written description. Cancellation of the claims, without prejudice, renders the rejection moot.

Summary

Claims 1, 3-5, 32-43 and 46 were previously indicated to be allowable.

Claims 10-13, 20, 25-29 and 50 were previously indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10, 12, 20, 25 and 50 as now presented are in independent form.

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Claim 44 has been amended to address the 35 USC§112, second paragraph,
rejection.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that
effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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